

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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***AMENDED PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT**

The Coastal Resources Management Council is developing an Urban Coastal Greenway (UCG) regulatory program for the Metro Bay Region, which comprises the shorelines of the municipalities of Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, and Providence. The UCG is a new regulatory approach for coastal vegetative buffers in the urbanized environment of northern Narragansett Bay, and is intended for projects bordering the Providence, Seekonk, Moshassuck, and Woonasquatucket Rivers. The purpose of the proposed Urban Coastal Greenways program is to provide a mechanism to redevelop the urban waterfront of the Metro Bay Region in a manner that integrates economic development with expanded public access along and to the shoreline, as well as the management, protection, and restoration of valuable coastal habitats.

The UCG program is intended to provide a permitting option that clarifies and streamlines the regulatory process for urban coastal development, and to create greater flexibility in meeting the state and federal requirements of the Coastal Resources Management Program. The UCG therefore establishes specific standards regarding overall vegetation of the site, management of stormwater runoff, and public access along and to the shoreline within the Metro Bay Region.

Copies of the UCG program are available from the Coastal Resources Management Council offices and its website – www.crmc.ri.gov.

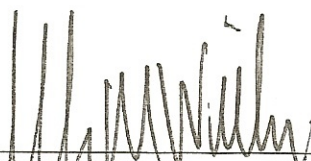
The CRMC is seeking comment on the Urban Coastal Greenways program. Parties interested in or concerned with the above are invited to **submit written comments** by May 19, 2006. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

A public workshop on the above-mentioned matter has been scheduled for May 22, 2006 in the ***Council Chambers at the East Providence City Hall; 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI beginning at 4:00pm** to afford all interested persons the opportunity to submit comments, either orally or in writing. This workshop will take place concurrently with a meeting of the Council's planning and procedures subcommittee.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 783-3370, 72 hours in advance of the workshop date.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

Signed this *24th day of April, 2006.



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